SECTION 2. Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-15 or any other provision of law, the board of trustees of Guilford Technical Community College may use the proceeds of the lease for current operating expenses or for capital outlay purposes.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 66-58(a), the personnel and facilities of Guilford Technical Community College may, with the consent of the trustees of the college, be used in support of economic development through the operation of the Donald W. Cameron Campus of Guilford Technical Community College and its companion facilities as an event venue. Proceeds generated shall be used either to pay the operational costs of the college's facilities, to support the event venue, or to support the mission of the college.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 2011.

Became law on the date it was ratified.

Session Law 2011-154 H.B. 541

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES MAY OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115D-40.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) Exception to Participation in Federal Loan Programs. – Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, the board of trustees of a college may adopt a resolution declining to participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. The board of trustees of any college that has declined to participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program through the adoption of a resolution may rescind the resolution and participate in the Program but shall not have the authority to again decline participation in the Program."

SECTION 2. This act applies only to Alamance Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, Gaston College, Mitchell Community College, Montgomery Community College, Randolph Community College, Richmond Community College, Robeson Community College, Stanly Community College, and Wilkes Community College.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 2011.

Became law on the date it was ratified.

Session Law 2011-155 H.B. 58

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